

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting November 8, 2021

Present: Donlin Murray (Don), Chairman
Richard Sheppard (Dick), Clerk
David Manzello (David) Regional Assessor
Debbie Dreyer (Debbie) Assistant to the Assessor
Hannah Miller (Hannah) guest

Meeting Opened at 8:30am

Roll Call- Sheppard present, Murray present - along with Hannah Miller, David & Debbie.

Approval of Agenda - MOTION: Dick made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Don, all in favor, aye.

Payroll, Payables, any abatements, warrants signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review & approve previous meeting minutes: The minutes for 10/18/21 **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments to the "Board Review" & few other changes as discussed, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Review Statutory Exemption List: List was reviewed and approved.

Review Chapter Applications: Reviewed – any questions will be discussed at the next meeting.

RRG Update:

The LA4 is our annual report that we pull out of our CAMA (software) system called Vision. It breaks out total parcel counts according to class & total value for the upcoming billing based on readjusted appraised values which include new growth & market adjustments.

The LA13 report shows our tax base levy growth - we had \$227,918.00 in new growth this year - down about \$60,000 from last year, most likely affected by Covid.

Our excess revenue factor is \$1,597,343.92 – it's gone up this year from \$1.2 million last year. Our average value has gone up this year by \$32,600 . Our average tax increase is \$18.00. The tax rate went down \$1.27.

David will be doing the Tax Classification by zoom & Dick will attend in person. At the conclusion of the hearing the Select Board will vote to approve the tax rate allocation & the LA5 will be presented to the Select Board for their approval & signatures.

RECAP: **MOTION:** Dick made a motion for the Board to approve David Manzello to sign the LA5 in Gateway for the Board, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Future agenda items: TBD Next mtg:TBD. Dick made a motion to adjourn the mtg @9:30am, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Dreyer, Assistant to the Assessor